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BRIDGE FALLS TO FIX ROYAL WEDDING DAY



Wreckage of bridge at Kelso, Washington, U.S.A., which collapsed, with estimated loss of thirty lives.



Three only of ten motor-cars which fell into the stream were saved.



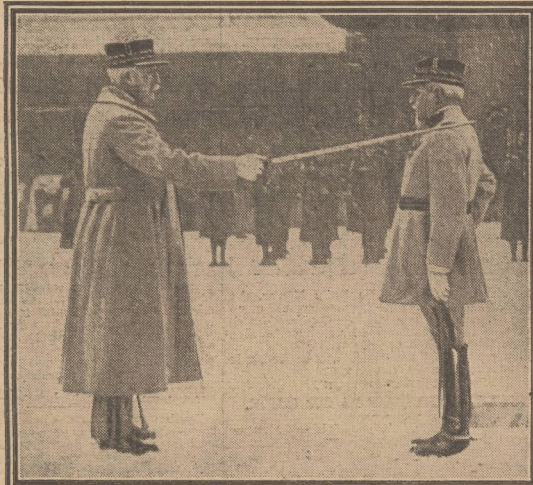
One of the wrecked motor-cars supported in the river by wreckage of the bridge.

By this disaster nearly one hundred persons were plunged into a swiftly-flowing torrent and many bodies were carried away downstream.



The crowd at Liverpool-street Station which watched the departure for Sandringham on Saturday of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, seen in the inset picture with the Countess of Strathmore. They intended during the week-end to discuss with the King and Queen arrangements for the marriage.

GENERAL INVESTED DURING SNOWSTORM.



Marshal Petain (left), the French Commander-in-Chief designate, invests General Etienne during a snowstorm at the Invalides, Paris, with the insignia of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour.

COUNT TORBY'S ILLNESS.



Count Torby, son of the Grand Duke Michael, who, it is stated, has entered a nursing home. He is reported to have offered himself for enlistment at an R.A.S.C. depot and to have been handed over to police.

ROYAL WEDDING DATE SECRET.

Duke and Fiancee Welcomed at Sandringham.

FOUR QUEENS.

End of April Possible Time for Marriage.

KING'S LYNN, Sunday.

A large crowd gathered in the vicinity of Sandringham Parish Church this morning in the hope of catching a glimpse of the Duke of York and his bride-to-be, Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

The royal party included the King and Queen, Queen Alexandra, the Dowager Empress of Russia, Queen Olga of Greece, Queen Maud of Norway, the Princess Royal, the Princess Maud, and the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kinghorne.

The betrothed couple travelled from London on Saturday to discuss their wedding plans with the King and Queen.

Although no definite date has yet been fixed for the marriage, the end of April is mentioned as a likely time.

CHURCH-DOOR CROWD.

Charming Bride - Elect in Blue Costume and Toque to Match.

Great enthusiasm was shown as the eager crowd caught sight of the Duke and his fiancée, Lady Elizabeth, who was looking exceedingly charming, was wearing a blue costume with a toque to match.

General Sir Dighton-Probyn, V.C., was in attendance on Queen Alexandra, driving to church on what was his nineteenth birthday in a closed carriage.

The veteran received the hearty congratulations of the royal party at the church door, and as this informal ceremony occupied several minutes, the waiting crowd had an exceptionally fine opportunity of seeing the betrothed couple.

BRIDE-ELECT'S SMILES.

When the Duke and Lady Elizabeth reached Wolferton Station on Saturday they smilingly acknowledged the cheers of the crowd as they motored on to Sandringham. The party is expected to return from Sandringham to London to-day.

To greet his prospective daughter-in-law the King on Saturday cancelled his plans for shooting at Sandringham, and arranged a special dinner-party at York Cottage.

Here the Duke of York and bride-to-be were welcomed, in addition to the King and the Queen, by Queen Alexandra, whom they visited in the afternoon, and Queen Maud of Norway.

Already the happy lovers have received their first wedding gifts, which have been sent to Buckingham Palace.

The Prince of Wales, it is generally anticipated, will act as best man for his brother at the marriage ceremony.

Among the bridesmaids, chosen from the mutual girl friends of the Prince and Princess Mary and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, there are likely to be two daughters of the Duke of Devonshire.

Privy Council.—The King will hold a Privy Council on Monday, the 22nd inst.

'POLLY' FOR PROVINCES.

Mr. Robert Courtneidge to Take Kingsway Theatre Version on Tour.

Consequent upon the extraordinary success of "Polly" at the Kingsway Theatre, theatre managers in all the larger provincial towns are eager to secure this attraction for their theatres when ever the new company which is now being formed, sets out on tour.

Mr. Robert Courtneidge, who has secured the sole provincial rights of the standard version of "Polly" as played at the Kingsway Theatre, will soon have his company ready. He is already booking up dates in all the more important centres.

Provincial audiences will thus have the opportunity of seeing the original version of the Kingsway "Polly" within the next week or two.

Mr. Courtneidge is presenting an exact reproduction of the Kingsway success, and is engaging a specially strong cast in order that full justice may be done to the wonderful music which is now the rage of London.

PIERROT'S PICKPOCKET CHASE.

Over £5,000 was raised for infirmaries by Glasgow University students, who held up the city on Saturday night in grotesque costumes.

One of the students, who was wearing pierrot costume, observed a pickpocket at work, and after an exciting chase through the streets brought him down in real Rugby fashion. A purse was in his possession and he was arrested.

ZOO'S NEW MIDGET.

Friendly Bush Baby That Is Settling Down.

BOOT-BUTTON EYES.

A Demidoff's galago, one of the rarest species of bush babies, is among the latest new-comers at the Zoo.

Jumbo, as he is called, bears not the slightest resemblance to the famous elephant whose love affair with Alice was celebrated in song.

With the exception of the dormouse, who is sleeping away the winter months in a bed of cotton-wool, Jumbo is about the smallest inhabitant of the small rodents' house.

He is a fluffy little chap of golden-brown with fine long and delicately-formed "fingers" on each of his four feet. But perhaps his most striking feature are his eyes, with which he stares at you with a sort of unwinning fascination.

They resemble nothing so much as a pair of brown boot buttons, and appear grotesquely large for such a tiny body.

Ever since he was captured by his late owner, in Sierra Leone, he has been pampered. He was provided with an elaborately furnished box and made the journey from Africa in his mistress' cabin.

Jumbo, however, is nothing if not adaptable, and has settled down in the friendliest way in his comparatively plebeian cage at the Zoo.

"He is, as a matter of fact, one of the friendliest little beasts I have ever handled," his keeper told *The Daily Mirror* yesterday.

MR. HUGHES GOING?

Formation of New Ministry Expected in Australia This Week.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Unless the unexpected happens, this week should see Mr. Hughes' retirement and the formation of a Ministry under Mr. Bruce from the Nationalist ranks, with Mr. Hughes excluded.

The Country Party will give general support unless high tariff proposals are submitted.

Mr. Watt is temporarily eclipsed, as he is available should Mr. Bruce's leadership fail.

Mr. Bruce is a tyro in politics, and has not hitherto shown pronounced qualities of leadership, although he is ambitious.

He is the head of a big soft goods house, and had distinguished war service, being captain in a British regiment.—Exchange.



Mr. Hughes.

DANCES TO AID BLIND.

"Daily Mirror" to Give Two Cups in Novel Competitions.

Would-be dancing stars are at last to have a chance of demonstrating their ability through the medium of the "Solo Dancing Competition," which has been organised in aid of the "Sunshine" Homes for Blind Babies and the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

In addition to a number of silver and bronze medal awards, *The Daily Mirror* will present two handsome cups.

Both amateurs and professionals are eligible, and competitors will be divided into four classes, as follow:—

Class.—Style of Dance and Age.
A—Classic or character; under 7 years.
B—Classic, character or operatic; from 7 to 11 years.
C—Classic, character or operatic; from 11 to 15 yrs.
D—Classic, character or operatic; from 15 to 21 yrs.

In Classes C and D the winners will compete for two scholarships entitling the holders to one year's free daily tuition with a teacher to be chosen by the committee.

Further particulars from time to time will be found in these columns, but all inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. Claremont, M.B.E., Secretary, Blind Babies' Homes, 224-8, Great Portland-street, W. 1.

RENT GRADES UNFAIR?

Opposition Expected to New Plan for Decontrol by Stages.

Considerable opposition is threatened to the grading scheme for the extension of the Rents Restriction Act which will be put forward by Lord Onslow's Committee.

As already stated in *The Daily Mirror*, the three grades proposed are high, middle-class houses (to be decontrolled in June), middle-class houses (decontrol in September, 1924), and lowest-rented houses (decontrol in September, 1925).

This grading, it is claimed, will be unfair to the lower middle-class tenants.

MYSTERY OBSTACLES ON G.W.R.

Two iron chairs, each weighing fifty-two pounds, have been discovered on the railway line between Brentham Halt and Perivale Halt, on the Great Western Railway.

The matter has been reported to the police.

BROADCASTING LURE.

Big Rush for Wireless Sets Follows Opera Concerts.

DAME MELBA'S TRIUMPH.

Wireless broadcasting has already entered upon a boom, so far as Britain is concerned.

The British Broadcasting Company on Saturday night wound up a period of more than a week in which grand opera has been broadcast from Covent Garden, with another splendid transmission of Dame Melba's performance as Mimi in "La Boheme."

The famous prima donna has on a previous occasion given her services to the National Opera Company, and the transmission of her singing was as successful as on Wednesday night—the wireless triumph of the week.

"Thousands of listeners-in," not only in the London area, but many miles further out from Marconi House, enjoyed the gala night music.

If the Broadcasting Company can only maintain the high standard in entertainments set in the past few days, wireless for amateur listeners-in seems assured here of a boom as great as in America.

There has been a big rush during the past week to buy wireless receiving sets, and dealers have in London been snowed under with orders running to many thousands of pounds in the aggregate.

The Post Office, too, reports a swelling rush for licences, and the January applications are likely to be more than double the 8,000 received in December. Another broadcasting station will soon be open in Glasgow.

Dame Melba paid an unexpected visit on Saturday forenoon to Covent Garden Theatre to greet members of the queue waiting for the evening performance.

The prima donna's car was surrounded by a cheering crowd, who left their places to greet her and ask for her autograph.

KEEPING BABY WARM.

Cosy-Knitted Woollen Coats That Defy Winty Winds.

A knitted woollen suit bound with braid is an acceptable addition to every woman's wardrobe, and such a garment may be purchased for 42s. at Messrs. Harvey Nichols this week—the last of their great clearance sale.

Exquisite blouses in voile can be bought at Marshall and Snelgrove's for only 10s. each. Beautifully tailored suits in navy blue gabardine are offered at 78s. 6d., and cosy knitted coats that defy cold winds, for tiny tots, at 5s. 6d. each.

At Messrs. Stagg and Mantle a smartly shaped knitted coat and skirt in the new marl mixtures is offered at 25s. 11d., while a fascinating jumper in soft velvet begs for a possessor at only 12s. 9d.

Many charming hats are at present being shown by Messrs. Swears and Wells. A beautiful model in soft black satin, with a ribbon cockade which holds in place magnificent paradise plumage, is offered for sixteen guineas.

NEW LIVES FOR OLD.

Doctor Claims Success of Operation in 150 Cases.

Nearly 150 men and women, states Dr. Burdard, who came to London recently to perform operations for the restoration of youth, have successfully undergone his treatment.

They had lost health and vigour, he said, but with the aid of the new treatment were already feeling younger and better.

Men and women of all ages, from thirty-two to seventy-eight, had been amongst those treated. A month after the operation they lost their weakness and tiredness and regained many years of life.

'PLANE IN PLAYGROUND.

Children's Escape When Machine Crashes Near Hospital.

An aeroplane, piloted by Mr. Charles Stevens, of Paignton, South Devon, turned turtle on Saturday and crashed in Ladywell Recreation Ground, Lewisham.

The machine fell on the bank of a stream after breaking boughs from trees. One wing was in the water, and the fuselage and the other wing on the sloping bank.

It was damaged, but the pilot had a broken nose and was dazed.

Where the machine came to earth is close to Lewisham Hospital, and members of the staff climbed the wall and went to extricate Stevens, who was carried away on a stretcher.

Children were at play in the recreation ground when the aeroplane crashed, but, realising their danger, they scattered, and none was hurt.

SNOW IN LONDON: SPRING IN I.O.W.

London experienced some three minutes of snow—the first of this year—on Saturday.

There was snow in East Yorkshire and a blizzard in the north of the county. As a contrast the first wild primroses were on sale at Newport (Isle of Wight).

MOORS MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED.

Solicitor Who Vanished from Lonely Home.

STRANGE MESSAGES.

Scotland Yard Likely To Be Asked to Solve Riddle.

Three weeks have now passed since Mr. Thomas Mellard Vernon, a Yorkshire solicitor, left his home to go for a walk and never returned.

There is an apparently insurmountable mystery about the disappearance of this middle-aged, prosperous professional man.

He had nothing to worry him, everything was in perfect order at his office, and there was nothing unusual about his health.

Yet on the night of New Year's Day he suddenly vanished from his home at Guseley, on the edge of the moors.

STRANGE MESSAGES.

Letters Believed To Have Been Written by Clairvoyant.

The questions which the police and others engaged in the hunt for the missing man are asking are:—

Is Mr. Vernon alive or dead? If dead, did he accidentally walk in the darkness of the night into one of the many ponds in the district or was he the victim of an attack by robbers?

Every night after reaching home from his business in Leeds Mr. Vernon went for a stroll. The moors around Guseley are a risk.

On January 1st about half-past nine, he went out as usual, and during his absence his house-keeper laid his supper and then went to bed.

When she came downstairs the following morning the electric lights were still burning and the meal had been untouched. Mr. Vernon had not been home.

The police were at once informed and a search party went out, but failed to find the slightest clue. Two days later bloodhounds were employed, but they could not pick up the scent.

Day after day the moors were scoured and the ponds were also dragged, but in each case with negative results. A reward of £1,250, and then £100, has also failed to throw any light on the mystery.

LOST MEMORY THEORY.

What can have happened to Mr. Vernon? Is it possible that, as his relatives suggest, he has lost his memory, and is now wandering about the country, or did something tragic occur?

Two strange messages, written in an illiterate hand, have been received by the missing man's brother, but they only add to the mystery.

In these letters the writer suggests where the body can be found, and lays claim to the reward. Mr. Vernon's brother, who says they were written by someone of a clairvoyant turn of mind.

Dozens of people have written saying they have seen somebody answering Mr. Vernon's description, but unfortunately every so-called "clue" has turned out to be wrong.

The missing man, who is aged forty-five, and 5ft. 6in. in height, has a blue-green scar, about the size of a pea, above the right eyebrow.

When he left home he wore a light grey tweed suit, a fawn raincoat, a long-haired fawn felt hat and brown shoes.

It is understood that if nothing happens during the next few days to solve this strange Yorkshire mystery the help of Scotland Yard may be sought.

OTHER NEWS IN BRIEF.

Next Honours List.—The Prime Minister's honours list will be issued next month.

Round the World Walk.—Mr. E. B. Alerton left Margate on Saturday on a third attempt to walk round the world.

Mansion's Secret Stair.—Merlewood, an historic Eitham mansion with a secret staircase, is being demolished to build shops.

L.C.C.'s "Boudoir."—The London County Council has paid £89 for a settee and seven chairs for the women members' room.

Died in Shop.—While Mrs. Tilling, of Aldershot, was shopping on Saturday her heart suddenly uttered a cry of "Mother and died."

Lord Kinnaird.—There was no change yesterday in the condition of Lord Kinnaird, who is lying seriously ill at his house in St. James' square.

Death Under Operation.—William Stevens, flag porter of Shepherd's Bush, died yesterday under an anæsthetic during an operation at West London Hospital.

Escaped Paris Siege.—Mr. Thomas Ironside, who died aged eighty-nine, at Beckenham, left Paris with his wife and children two hours before the gates were closed in the siege of 1870.

£18,000 for Youths.—A recommendation that clubs be established for unemployed juveniles between fourteen and eighteen years of age, at a cost of £18,000, will be considered by the London Education Committee to-day.

RUHR GENERAL STRIKE BEGINS: MINERS LEAVING PITS

4,000 Cease Work at Boniface—Threatened Spread of Transport Hold-up.

"STUBBORN RESISTANCE" DECREE BY BERLIN

France Drafts Fresh Two-Years' Moratorium Plan for £150,000,000 Levy on Millionaires.

A general strike in the Ruhr, ordered by Berlin as part of a plan of "stubborn resistance to all French measures," began yesterday.

Four thousand miners ceased work at the Boniface mines. Stoppages are also reported from Recklinghausen and private mines in the Essen district. Partial transport strikes threaten to become general.

The trial by court-martial of the six mining magnates in custody at Dusseldorf is to start to-day. Several arrested postal officials were released yesterday.

France's new offer of a two years' moratorium to Germany, based on the raising of a £150,000,000 loan by a tax on the fortunes of the great industrialists, will be considered by the Reparations Committee to-day or to-morrow.

4,000 MINERS CEASE WORK AT STATE PIT.

Movement Spreading to Many Private Mines.

ATTEMPTED RAIL HOLD-UP.

Strikes by railwaymen and miners are the latest phase of German resistance to the French occupation of the Ruhr.

An extension of these is threatened, and the Berlin correspondent of the *Petit Parisien* (quoted by the Exchange) wired yesterday that a general stoppage of work has been ordered as from to-night.

The movement began yesterday, when, says a Central News Dusseldorf message, miners left the pits in the Recklinghausen area, and 4,000 miners employed at the Boniface mines ceased work as a protest against the arrest of the manager.

The strike movement is spreading to many private pits in the Essen region.

The transport strike also has a tendency to become general. At Dortmund railway traffic ceased yesterday morning, but trains were running in other sections of the occupied zone.

A deputation from the workers' councils of the State mines, together with representatives of the workers in private mines, interviewed the French authorities yesterday, and were informed (states Reuter) that their demands for the immediate freedom of the mines, release of arrested managers and officials and safety for life and property had been submitted to the French engineers.

FRENCH TRAIN HELD UP.

Railwaymen came out on strike yesterday at Dortmund and Bochum, and it is expected that Essen will follow suit.

French engine drivers who were bringing a train to Dortmund met with a hostile reception at Essen, where the train was brought to a standstill.

French officials declare their ability to carry on international traffic with the military trains. The postal directors who were arrested on Saturday and taken to Dusseldorf were released yesterday.

It is officially declared in Berlin, says Reuter, that the French confiscation of Customs, coal tax and forest revenues violates the sovereignty of Prussia, Bavaria, Hesse and Oldenburg, and that all officials in occupied territory are expected to offer a stubborn resistance to such measures.

POINCARÉ SATISFIED.

French Programme Working Out Well According to Plan.

PARIS, Sunday.

In conversation with the *Echo de Paris*, after a conference with M. Poincaré, M. le Troquer (Minister of Public Works), M. Maginot (Minister of War) and M. de Lasteyrie (Minister of Finance), said that everything was going along very well in the Ruhr, and that too much attention should not be paid to reports from Berlin. The Germans, they declared, knew well that the British would not betray the Alliance.

"If the British had thought we were violating the Treaty of Versailles they would have said so. Far from that, they continue to maintain a most benevolent and neutral attitude."

"All we need is patience. We must hold out, and we can do so better than the Germans," said Reuter.

DEPARTURE OF U.S. TROOPS.

American troops who are leaving Germany will entrain at Coblenz on Thursday and embark on the St. Mihel on Friday. To-day the Stars and Stripes will be lowered for the last time in Coblenz and the French tricolour hoisted.

PARIS SCHEME TO REVIVE MARK AND GET PAYMENT.

Proposed £150,000,000 Tax on German Magnates.

PRICE OF 2 YEARS' RESPITE.

PARIS, Sunday.

The *Echo de Paris* gives details of the plan for a moratorium, with guarantees, which was discussed to-day by M. Poincaré and M. Barthou.

This plan, which grants Germany, providing she fulfils her reparations obligations, a two years' moratorium, differs from the French plan of January 4 in an important point taken from the Italian plan.

France asks Germany to raise, during these two years, an internal loan—that is, to levy a tax on the fortunes of the big industrialists—of 3,000,000,000 gold marks (£150,000,000).

Out of this amount £25,000,000 would be used to stabilise the mark and £125,000,000 would go to reparations account.

Only at this price would France forgo the product of the pledges she has seized.

In regard to the pledges themselves she would hold them as long as she was not assured of receiving the payments to which she is entitled. The Reparations Commission is meeting to-day or to-morrow to discuss the plan.—Reuter.

COAL KINGS' TRIAL TO-DAY.

Vain Protests Against Arrest—More Officials in Custody.

Six mining magnates (including Herr Thyssen's son) arrested by the French authorities in the Ruhr have been taken before General Fournier.

They apparently did not expect this development, cables the Exchange, and attempted to protest, but General Fournier replied: "Your protests are useless and cannot alter your position. I have received orders to arrest you."

They were later told that they had been arrested in the name of the court-martial of Aix-la-Petite, where they would be detained. Their trial (according to Reuter) will begin to-day.

Several railway, postal and Customs officials are also under arrest, wires Reuter, for refusing to obey French orders.

HINT TO BRITAIN.

Italy Suggests Premier Might Advise Berlin To Be "More Prudent."

PARIS, Sunday.

Writing in the *Petit Journal*, M. Marcel Ray says, in view of the stubborn attitude of the German industrialists and the German Cabinet, the rumours concerning attempts at mediation by a third party can hardly be taken seriously for the moment.

All Signor Mussolini has done is, to suggest to London that the British Government might advise the people of Berlin to be prudent and moderate.

"We do not know whether Mr. Bonar Law would do so, knowing, as he must, how slender are the chances of success."

As long as the Reich Government depends on the industrialists it will be tied down to their policy."—Exchange.

MEMORIAL TO LONDON SCOTTISH.

The London Scottish war memorial was unveiled yesterday by the Haig at its headquarters of the regiment, Buckingham-gate.

The memorial, a beautiful work in the classical style, bearing the names of 1,600 officers and men, was designed by Captain A. Chisholm and executed in oak by Mr. Robert Fardine, both of whom served in the regiment during the war.



M. Louchéur, French Minister for the Liberated Regions, denies report that he has been invited to go to Dusseldorf.

Lord Kinnaird, who is 76 years of age and is lying seriously ill. The death of his wife has been a severe shock.

SLEEPING BEAUTY OF THE LUXOR TOMB.

Tattooed Princess Who Died 4,000 Years Ago.

THEBAN COURT FAVOURITE.

Interest in the tomb of King Tutankhamen was temporarily diverted by the discovery by the American archeologists, who are working there, of a tattooed Egyptian princess 4,000 years old, says a message from Luxor.

The girl was apparently one of the beauties of the first Theban dynasty which flourished 2,500 years before Christ. Her bosom and neck are delicately tattooed with small bluish symbols and traceries emblematic of her caste and nobility.

Egyptologists believe she was one of the Court favourites of the Mentuhotep kings. The body is marvellously preserved, the hair and teeth being intact. Slight indentations upon the neck, wrists, fingers and ankles, indicate that the princess wore necklaces, bracelets and rings in her death sleep, which were subsequently stolen when vandals desecrated her tomb.

The girl's thin waist suggests that a narrow waistline and slender hips were as much sought after by the women of the Pharaonic period as by the modern woman.

The immature and delicate appearance of the body suggests that the princess died at an early age. A long, thin band extending across the abdomen, and evidently inflicted by a hot iron, inclines the medical experts, who viewed the body to-day, to the opinion that she succumbed to serious organic disease, which in ancient times was treated by violent fomentations.

TUTANKHAMEN TREASURES.

Alabaster Vases, Which Glistened Like Gold, Taken from Tomb.

The objects removed yesterday from King Tutankhamen's tomb, says a Reuter message, consisted of two ornate chariot wheels with hubs of beaten gold and embellishments of striking beauty; a bouquet of flowers, evidently a death offering from one of King Tutankhamen's constituents; eight large alabaster vases which glistened like gold in the intense room; and a large wooden chest containing undisclosed articles; two horsehair fly-killers with quaint ornate ivory handles, and numerous trays of small articles.

The reliquaries, the message continues, are borne from the royal death cell on a long wooden stretcher with as much care and solemnity as might have attended the funeral procession of the dead Pharaoh himself.

14 WORKMEN ENTOMBED.

Buried by Collapsed Bank—Two Bodies Recovered.

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Fourteen workmen were buried at Somodi on the G.I.P. Railway as the result of the collapse of part of a bank where excavations were being made in connection with the Tata Hydro electric scheme.

At the time of telegraphing three men had been rescued and two bodies recovered. Rescue gangs are still working.—Exchange.

CHANCELLOR RETURNING.

Time Not Yet Ripe to Discuss U.S. Negotiations—Mr. Hughes to Resign?

Declaring that the debt funding negotiations were too delicate to discuss at this juncture, the British Mission sailed on Saturday, says a Reuter message from New York.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin expressed the hope that nothing would be said within the next week or two that would be liable to misinterpretation. Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador in America, told the Canadian Club, says Reuter, that he was now more optimistic concerning the adjustment of the British debt to the United States than he had been for the last fortnight.

The *New York World* (quoted by Reuter) gave prominence yesterday to a rumour that Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State in the United States, may resign. No confirmation of this report is forthcoming from any other source.

MAN'S FATE TRAPPED IN CELLAR.

Found Dying Under Big Heap of Coal.

PROTRUDING LEG.

Tragic Sequel to Search at Camden Town.

The death took place in hospital, at a late hour on Saturday night, of a potman, named William Baines, who had been the victim of an accident, at present shrouded in mystery.

Baines for some time had been employed at the Britannia, Camden Town. On Friday morning he left the premises with a view to inquiring why some coal had not been delivered. The coal arrived, but nothing was seen of Baines, and his continued absence caused much anxiety.

The police and local hospitals were communicated with, but nothing was known of anyone answering to his description. A telephone message to the coal office brought the information that he had not called there.

On Saturday morning another potman had occasion to go to the coal cellar. He was startled to see what appeared to be a leg protruding from the coals, and he gave the alarm.

After several hundredweights of coal had been removed it was found that Baines had been trapped beneath. He was still alive, and faintly said, "Don't, don't!"

Only partly conscious, he was taken to the University Hospital, where an operation was performed. An inquest will be held to-day.

LONDON'S FIRST SNOW.

Winter's Grip on Europe—Blizzard-Bound Train Passengers Starving.

London experienced some three minutes of snow—the first of this year—on Saturday.

There was snow in East Yorkshire and a blizzard in the north of the county. As a contrast the first wild primroses were on sale at Newport-on-Tyne.

Winter has gripped the Continent. There was a snowstorm, accompanied by thunder, over Paris on Saturday, says the Exchange.

There have been exceptionally heavy snowstorms throughout Italy, says the Central News.

At Castelvetrano four trains are held up, and the passengers, who are unable to obtain food, are starving.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK.

Twenty Thrown Into Sea and Sixteen Saved—Tugs' Rescue Race.

BRUSSELS, Sunday.

A collision occurred on the Scheldt last night between two English steamers, the *Nautilus* and *Australia*.

The accident happened at the bend at Antwerp, between Antwerp and the sea. The *Nautilus* sank almost immediately, and nineteen members of the crew and the pilot were thrown into the sea.

Sixteen of them were rescued by tugs, but the other four were drowned. The cause of the accident is at present unknown.—Exchange.

Lloyd's agent at Antwerp states that three of the crew were drowned.

The *Nautilus*, of London, is described in Lloyd's Register as a steamer of 718 tons.

Four lives were lost in a double disaster during stormy weather on Saturday in the Mersey.

A coal elevator 40ft. high was being towed from Brocklebank Dock to Canada Basin when it was caught by a squall and capsized.

FORTY KILLED IN RIOT.

Shops Sacked by Angry Mob After Shots at Odessa Procession.

According to a Helsingfors message, shots were fired at a religious procession in the streets of Odessa.

The crowd became enraged and began to attack the Jewish shops throughout the town. The soldiers were powerless. Many shops were sacked, and forty people were killed.

BOTTOMLEY TO GO TO MAIDSTONE.

It is understood that Horatio Bottomley will be removed shortly from the infirmary at Wormwood Scrubs Prison to Maidstone. He has been in indifferent health for some time past. A petition is being promoted, it is stated, by some intimate friends, for his release on the grounds of his services during the war.

DEATH OF SIR GEORGE TOULMIN.

Sir George Toulmin, the newspaper proprietor, died at Preston last night. He was managing director of the *Lancashire Daily Post* and *Preston Guardian*, and was M.P. for Bury 1902-13.

MARSHALL & SNELGROVE'S

LAST WEEK OF SALE

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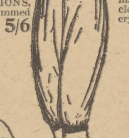
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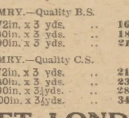
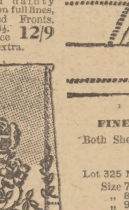
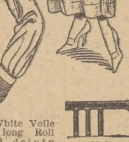
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By LORD ROTHERMERE (Founder of the "Sunday Pictorial").

The following article by Lord Rothermere is reprinted from yesterday's "Sunday Pictorial."

I BELIEVE that the French Government have taken the right course, and the only possible course, in entering the Ruhr Valley coalfield in order to compel the German Government to submit adequate proposals for the payment of reparations.

In some quarters we are told that France is thrusting a torch into a powder magazine, and that the consequence of her action will be an explosion which will convulse all Europe.

My view is that, on the contrary, the stern measures now adopted by the French will hasten the conclusion of a stable and lasting European peace.

We should try to put ourselves in the place of France, and to understand the French point of view, never forgetting that the French are pursuing our interests as well as their own.

Although the evidence collected by my newspapers shows that French policy is very widely supported by British public opinion, I still personally receive letters asking me why French troops have entered the Ruhr coalfield.

The answer is simple, but it seems necessary to state once more the single essential point.

WHY FRANCE IS RIGHT.

Germany has violated the Peace Treaty of Versailles. She has not kept up her payments, and, in my judgment, there is ample evidence that she never means to pay except under compulsion. According to one calculation, in four years she has only paid the equivalent of £77,000,000 in cash and £160,000,000 in kind. Since last June she has paid no money whatever and has delivered very little in commodities.

After the Franco-German War of 1870-71 France paid in less than four years much more actual cash than Germany has paid to the Allies since the Armistice of 1918, although in the seventies France was computed to possess only two-fifths of her present wealth.

The British plan, submitted at the recent Conferences in London and Paris, was to give Germany almost complete relief from any sort of payment for the next four years, after which the Allies were to trust to German honour to begin paying up.

In effect this plan allowed Germany another four years in which to contrive and plot further schemes for evading any and all payments.

IF GERMANY HAD WON.

France declined to adopt the British plan, and I think the French were right. It would have meant that for four years all Europe would have had to wait in a position of paralysing uncertainty as to whether Germany would ultimately fulfil her obligations.

The British Government said that if after four years Germany did not begin to pay they would then be prepared to join with France in occupying further German territory in order to compel payment. In other words, our Government were not willing to march with France into the Ruhr now, but they were ready to do so in 1927 if Germany remained obdurate.

France replied in effect: "No, we have already waited four years, and we do not intend to wait another four. How do we know what Government will be in power in Great Britain in 1927? We are willing to give Germany a little time, though not four years, to put her finances in order, but we must take guarantees at once. We shall occupy the Ruhr coalfield now, partly to obtain the coal which Germany has failed to deliver, but still more in the belief that when the German Government are confronted with definite pressure they will prepare plans for early payment, as they are well able to do."

They have, therefore, entered the Ruhr, in conjunction with small detachments of Belgian troops. Though officially Great Britain stands apart, the French decision is warmly applauded by a multitude of sympathisers in this country. It is recognised that our Government are sincere in their determination not to participate in the French advance, but the predominant feeling among our people is that our official policy is mistaken, and would probably result in letting Germany off.

In order to appreciate the French frame of mind, we should recall how Germany treated France in 1871. She tore from her the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, and exacted an indemnity which for that period was regarded as almost incredibly large. Bismarck said: "If France does not meet her obligations we will do as caterpillars do that invade a tree. We will eat her leaf by leaf." There are various versions of this historic threat, and in one of them Bismarck is supposed to have declared that the Germans would devour France leaf by leaf, like an arthropod.

Four years later, when it was found that France had honourably paid the indemnity before the time prescribed, the German General staff planned a fresh invasion, a new and crushing financial demand, and a widespread military occupation of French cities. The plot failed because it was exposed in London, and Great Britain and Russia warned Germany that they would not tolerate another attack on France.

When the German hordes poured into Northern France in 1914, they deliberately set themselves to effect the complete destruction of French industry in the invaded areas. They meant that France should never rise again. At the Armistice over 20,000 French factories had either been completely destroyed or had been gutted of their machinery, which in many instances was taken to Germany. A great many of these factories were not wrecked in military operations, but were rendered useless in pursuance of a devilish plan to ruin the trade of France.

At the same time, nearly 300,000 dwellings were completely wiped out, and an equal number were partially smashed. France has never been able to recover the cost of the war, any more than we have done. She knows it is impossible for Germany to repay everything. She asks today for reparation, not indemnity.

When I hear of the German situation in Berlin because the French have entered Essen and other places without destroying an office stool or clock, I think of what the Germans did wilfully in Roubaix and Valenciennes and many another industrial centre in France. Have we forgotten that the Allies had won they would have seized Northern France, and would to-day have been confronting us across the Straits of Dover, even if they had not effected a permanent lodgment upon our island?

GERMANS ARE PROSPEROUS.

Ever since the Treaty of Versailles was signed the Germans have done their utmost to avoid payment. Germany to-day is in the hands, not of her half-sham Government, but of her industrial magnates, behind whom lurk her military leaders, ready to strike again when they have recovered strength.

The ridiculous fall in the exchange value of the German mark is to a great extent artificial, and has been brought about of set purpose. The slump in the mark is not due to the Peace Treaty, as some of our dreamy professors and impractical Parliamentarians occasionally allege. How can the collapse of the mark be ascribed to reparations when the Germans have not paid or tried to pay?

The German industrial leaders have made enormous sums by the depreciation of German currency. While they have constantly urged their Government to print masses of paper money they have sent huge fortunes abroad.

For the past two or three years the Germans have been pleading poverty. They are not poor. They are relatively prosperous. They have no fleet to pay for, and only a very small armament, any though there is reason to suspect that they are organising and maintaining large potential forces, under various disguises. They have practically wiped out their internal debt by the printing machine.

Even their great commercial organisations are swiftly paying off their liabilities. I saw the other day that the two leading shipping companies, the North German Lloyd and the Ham-

burg-America, are about to pay off their bonded debt, which together amounts to 100 million marks. Before the war this sum was equivalent to £5,000,000, but now it can probably be paid off for something under £2,000.

In many respects Germany is the most prosperous country in Europe to-day. German production began to increase the moment demobilisation was finished. Every German industry shows a rise of output, and the profits of many German companies have been extremely high. Shipping returns for Hamburg last year exceeded those of Rotterdam and Antwerp.

One part of the French scheme is to control the State forests in the Rhineland. I have shown on previous occasions that Germany could pay to us the equivalent of very large sums in timber, pulp, sugar, chemicals, and other commodities. When Herr Cuno, the German Chancellor, says that Germany's "economic structure has been destroyed," he is talking hypocritical nonsense. All branches of German industry have shown steady and progressive improvement for the past three years. One has only to look at the substantial quantities of German goods now being sold in Great Britain as well as in many other countries. Germany has no unemployment.

If the course taken by the French needed any further justification, it is amply provided by the attitude of the German Government since the advance into the Ruhr began. France has shown the German mask, and at last beyond the possibility of doubt that Germany never meant to pay.

I am strongly of opinion that if Great Britain had supported the policy now adopted by France, the German Government would have accepted the occupation of the Ruhr without serious demur. When the French and British Governments differed about reparations at Paris the harm done was not confined to a temporary divergence. The real mischief was that Germany was stimulated into stubborn opposition. She decided to take full advantage of the difference between the Allies.

COMPULSION THE REMEDY.

It is clear that on the arrival of the French at Essen their plan for controlling the coalfield, which was modest and restrained, was not locally opposed. The miners were willing to work if their wages were assured to them. Though the officials of the Coal Syndicate had tried to hinder the coalowners were prepared to resume deliveries of coal.

It was the German Government who upset the arrangement. They pretended that by entering the Ruhr they had violated the Treaty of Versailles. The charge is entirely unfounded.

The Treaty has been violated by the German Government, and by them only. They have contemptuously flouted the Treaty ever since it was signed. They violated it when they failed to deliver their instalments in cash and commodities, and they have now eagerly seized the occasion of the French advance to denounce the Treaty altogether.

Do those in this country who are backing up the Germans understand that the German Government have taken the extreme step of openly refusing to abide by the Peace Treaty? They have just sent to the Reparations Commission a Note declaring their intention "to suspend all cash payments and deliveries in kind." Their use of the word "suspend" is sheer effrontery. They have not paid instalments, and they have received one moratorium after another.

Compulsion, such as France is now imposing, is the only remedy.

I hear M. Poincaré's critics saying that he is narrow and obstinate. To me, both M. Poincaré and his colleagues seem sincere, open-minded and restrained. They are fighting Britain's battle. France has not been a land of war for years. Would Germany have waited so long?

FRANCE WILL SUCCEED.

I hear people alleging that France seeks the economic destruction of Germany, but the statement should be reversed. The Germans know that French finances are in a bad way, and they hope by withholding payment to force France into bankruptcy. Germany lost the war, but she is stealthily trying to win the peace.

Because the British Government have differed from French policy, some British newspapers are dutifully trying to paint the situation in the Ruhr in the darkest colours, in order to justify the British official view. I do not share these apprehensions, and my information is that there are no war aims in the Ruhr.

My object is to explain to my countrymen the motives which inspire France at this critical juncture. While our Parliamentarians have paltered with the German problem, and have tried to excuse Germany's most wilful default, France has taken the only logical course to make Germany pay. She has acted with intrepid courage and great circumspection. She has steadily avoided giving needless provocation in the Ruhr. She is furthering our own true cause, and therefore I say in all sincerity: "Hats off to France!"

My personal conviction is that French policy in the Ruhr is destined to succeed, and that for the first time Germany will have to face and to meet her liabilities. I think France will get the coal she wants, and that the German Government will be compelled to make adequate proposals.

In my view, far too much fuss has been made about a very ordinary step to compel payment, which when taken in peace has no more remarkable whatever. I cannot think that French action will have the alarming results predicted, and prefer to hold, as a business man, that it will expedite the general pacification of Europe. I should never have been here had I not had all sat down and awaited Germany's mocking pleasure for another four years.

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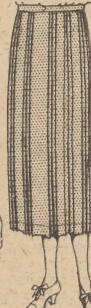
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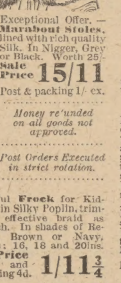
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CONTROVERSY still rages in this country as to the policy and prospects of our French Allies in their occupation of the Ruhr.

Those who doubt the wisdom of that policy, and fear that it may not be successful, should be satisfied by the clear and cogent summary of the whole argument given by Lord Rothermere to the readers of the *Sunday Pictorial* yesterday and reproduced in our columns this morning.

Lord Rothermere bids us remember what devastation and misery the Germans inflicted upon the cities and fields of France.

He recalls the no less shocking history of their attitude towards France after their victory in 1870. He asks *what would have been the German demands upon us had they won the war they provoked in 1914*—the war we fought side by side with the French, from whom a timid policy has for a moment separated us in this matter of making Germany pay for the wanton damage she has done.

That Germany *can* pay is clearly shown by the veiled prosperity her shipping and other industries have exhibited ever since she has been engaged in a subtle effort to "win the peace," after having lost the war. That Germany *would* have paid if we had supported France, instead of leaving her to act apart from us, we firmly believe.

The object of the rulers of Germany, from the very moment of the Armistice, has been to divide the Allies.

Every signal of such division has been gladly interpreted by her as a hint to prolong her evasions. At present, she is doing all she can to enlist us on her side. She hopes that we are deceived by the alleged "economic collapse" she has organised as a false facade to screen her really prosperous condition from the world.

At least, then, since we are not at the moment actively supporting France, let us not reproach her for the steps she has rightly taken to secure for us, as well as for herself, the "reparations" that justly belong to us all.

"POISON GAS."

THE public will be glad that the question of poison gas in private houses is to be raised at the meeting of the L.C.C. to-morrow. For, so far, the average householder is not satisfied by recent reassurances concerning the accidents that have become so frequent.

Those reassurances seem to consist mainly in telling startled citizens that "after all," very few people are affected by gas accidents.

Encouraging statistics, however, scarcely suffice to quiet the fears of those who anticipate explosions in the home.

Nor is it much more helpful to be told that it's all our fault—for using gas. "Why not try electricity?"

Facilities for "trying electricity" do not exist in every home. And meanwhile there is a strong feeling that the warlike ingredients of our gas supply need more investigation than they have received, or than optimistic authorities apparently admit that they need.

IN MY GARDEN.

JANUARY 21.—The gay little winter aconites (*ranunculus hibernicus*) already peep up from the damp soil. Their bright yellow flowers, surrounded by a whorl of shining green, make a pretty show early in February, especially when seen growing in bold masses.

They do best in damp, half-shady places—such as on woodland banks and under trees; here they will quickly increase.

Winter aconites can also be used for border edges, and may be set with scillas, crocuses, snowdrops and other early-flowering bulbs.

R. F. T.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

France and the Ruhr—Boys at School and at Home—Official English—Married Grumbles.

HYPOCRISY.

OUR French friends hate hypocrisy, and are out to prove the fallacy of the German plea of poverty; but in the same way as England and France had to be together to punish the bully, they ought to be together to get the best of the liar.

Our place is in the Ruhr! ROBERT MORLEY, Dover.

ALTERNATIVES.

SURELY two results only can come out of the present situation in the Ruhr. Either France gets her due and lays the firm foundation of German payment to all the Allies,

THE TAX FORM.

AS an example of complicated wording, let me instance those dreary documents, popularly known as "Landlords' Income Tax." The sentences on the back of these forms are utterly unintelligible to anybody but those well accustomed to legal English. TAXPAYER.

BACK TO SCHOOL.

DURING their first terms at school in former days boys were bullied by the seniors, sometimes seriously. But such roughness has been nearly everywhere abolished, and if the new pupil does not

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FEATHERS, SO LONG ABSENT FROM MAN'S ATTIRE, WILL BE IN GREAT FAVOUR THIS YEAR



At this time of year we always read of wonderful forthcoming changes in men's clothes. Yet these never seem to come to anything at all noticeable!

or else Germany succeeds in preventing the French from stopping her policy of evasion. Thereupon she will become so "upish" that it will be quite impossible to squeeze a penny out of her or to ensure the prevention of further wars.

Why England hangs back in face of these two facts is more than I can conceive. Lichfield-row, Kew. AFRAID OF THE FUTURE.

"THE SINEWS OF WAR."

THE Government of this country has an idea that the only means of recovering prosperity in England is by way of a prosperous Germany.

Such an opinion is not only false, it is dangerous. Before the war German trade was growing more and more in the world markets, to the detriment of all others, especially that of England.

This German trade prosperity, moreover, collected the money necessary for a war of aggression. Remembering this, let us back up pluckily and sensibly France. K. L. T. Haverstock Hill, N.W.

BWARE!

AS a bachelor, I have been much interested in your letters on the complaints of married folk. I learnt, early in my life, always to take with a pinch of salt the complaints that married people make against one another to their friends.

A sound maxim for these cases is: "There are faults on both sides," and a sound rule is: "Listen as sympathetically as you can to complaints, but do not commit yourself either way." DETACHED BACHELOR.

exactly get all the spoiling his mother provides him with at home he is at least no longer frightened out of his life by his bigger companions.

There is therefore no reason why he should shrink from going back to school in these days. SCHOOLMASTER.

FORGETFUL YOUTH.

BOYS forget to take what they need to school with them because they are always being waited upon by loving parents and relations. Let me quote an instance of a family of boys I know rather well.

They are in the habit of leaving their possessions lying about all over the house. It is then the task of their mother, or of the housemaid, or parlourmaid, to pick things up and restore them to their proper places.

At school all these habits are corrected, and boys are taught to be neat and orderly.

That is one reason why boys should be sent to school. M. W. L.

EDUCATION ABROAD.

ENGLISH public school life is very good for boys, because it teaches them to be gentlemen and honest citizens, besides providing them with a healthy constitution. Its defect is that work comes after sport.

Abroad, on the contrary, work is the paramount concern, and a Continental school gives an excellent polish and completeness to an English education.

My son did not know a word of French (although French was part of his curriculum) until I sent him to the Lycée of Tours; since then he has also improved out of all knowledge in other subjects. F. M. Wimbleton.

MARRIAGES THAT ARE BOUND TO FAIL?

RECENT SUGGESTIONS FOR A "BETROTHAL" CEREMONY.

By A BARRISTER.

BECAUSE a man marries in haste it does not of necessity follow that he will repent at leisure.

Old-fashioned people were at one time great sticklers for long consideration and much balancing of figures and assessing of character and disposition before marriage, under the belief that marriage can be made safe if one takes sufficient care before one gets married.

But old-fashioned people were quite wrong. It is not true that a man who marries in haste is sure to repent at leisure, any more than it is true that a girl who marries only with the greatest forethought, and after the most lengthy consideration, can be assured that her marriage will turn out a success.

Prizes in this world go to those who have the strength of mind and the courage of conviction to take risks—not wild and foolish risks, but legitimate ones, and this is as true of marriage as it is in other spheres.

"Look before you leap" is supposed to be wise advice, but it is really only the sort of advice which looks wiser than it really is.

Many people nowadays are deploring the number of divorces.

They say that the recent crop of divorce cases is mainly due to the hasty marriages of the war period.

This is not true. It is merely one of the arguments used by people who are opposed to divorce.

THREE MONTHS' NOTICE?

A mere consideration of dates would prove that divorces are not due to hasty marriages, and never have been. A certain number of hasty marriages undoubtedly come to grief, but a larger number do not. The people who argue that if there were few hasty marriages there would be few divorces are arguing from imperfect observation of facts. Their minds are prejudiced beforehand in favour of their own arguments.

Still, there is a tendency amongst well-intentioned people at the present time to make suggestions whereby it will not be possible for young people to make hasty marriages.

There is the suggestion in various forms to make popular a betrothal ceremony.

Many people would have this a very formal affair, and certain clergymen have advocated that it should take place in church.

There is another suggestion that the ban on marriage should be put up much longer in advance than they are now, and there is the very definite, but extremely foolish, suggestion that no civil marriage should be contracted without three months' notice.

All these proposals have in view the ending of what are called ill-considered or hasty marriages.

They are all bad. While seeking to make marriages safe, proof, they would really tend to undermine the institution of marriage.

How much do two people really get to know about each other during the engagement period? It is only after marriage that anything like really complete knowledge comes, and the most carefully considered marriage is just as likely to result in breakdown as one entered upon hastily and in obedience to natural inclination.



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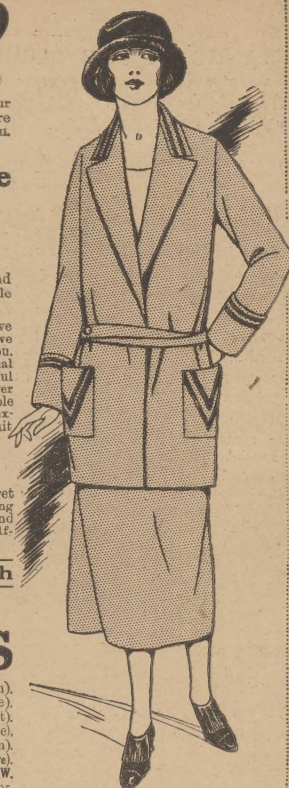
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TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women and Affairs in General



Major Lancelot W. Ashbourne, only son of Lady Gaunt of Leek, and Miss Phyllis Mary Sadler, of Ashbourne, whose engagement has been announced.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

The Duke at Blythwood—A Debutante's Ball—"Under False Pretences."

THERE IS NO DOUBT that the coming royal wedding will act as a great fillip to the London season, and all the big modistes and milliners are rubbing their hands with joy and stealing anxious looks at one another. They are wondering whether Lady Elizabeth will show the same impartiality in giving her trousseau orders as did Princess Mary, who warmed many hearts by her remembrance of old friends, while many post-war institutions in which she is particularly interested were greatly favoured.

Fashionable Sapphire.

Nothing sets or revives a fashion quite so much as an important engagement and wedding. Hence the startling number of sapphire rings that have made their appearance in the jewellers' shops. Those clever people who are always in the know in such matters tell me there is no doubt that deep blue will once again become fashionable in view of the important bride's choice.

Honeymoon Plans.

Plans for the Duke's honeymoon are necessarily somewhat uncertain at present, but it is thought probable that some part of it will be spent abroad, and that it may be extended to one of the dominions. The Duke, unlike the Prince and Prince George, has seen little of other countries, with the exception of his Continental trips last year, and might welcome the opportunity of seeing the world with his wife.

White Lodge.

White Lodge, Richmond, would prove a very suitable home for the Duke of York when he is married, as it is easily reached from town. Lord Farquhar had it granted to him by the King on the death of Mrs. Hartmann, the widow of the "turkey red" dyo millionaire. There is a good deal of furniture still remaining from the days when the Queen as Princess Mary resided there.

Where the Queen Rode.

Queen's-road Station is henceforth to be called Bayswater, presumably because of confusion with the less-known Queen's-road, on the South-Western, in Battersea. Queen's-road, Bayswater—the thoroughfare I mean—was originally Black Lion-line, a favourite ride of Queen Victoria when a child.

Royalty on the Riviera.

The Riviera is becoming increasingly popular with members of the Royal Family, and at present there are at least three royalties staying in this sunny part of the world. The Duke of Connaught is now entertaining not only Prince George but also Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, who is expected to remain at Beaulieu until the weather in England becomes brighter and warmer.

At Blythwood.

The Duke of York's visit to Lord and Lady Blythwood this week is not his first one, for they have not only acted as hosts to his Royal Highness at Blythwood House, Renfrew, but when their only child, the Hon. Olive Campbell, made her debut in society the Duke was present at her coming-out ball.

A Coincidence.

Curiously enough, it may be noted incidentally that this took place at Lord Stratheden's town house, which is only two doors away from the London home of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, at No. 17, Bruton-street. I hear that the entertainment of the Duke at Blythwood will be simple and homely, according to his tastes.



Lady Blythwood.

Notable Christening.

Thursday will see the christening of little Lord Uxbridge and his sister. It is many years since there has been an Earl of Uxbridge, as the present Marquis of Anglesey, when he was plain "Mr.," succeeded his cousin. The last marquis married Miss Lilian Chetwynd when he was Lord Uxbridge, and there are some at Monte Carlo who still remember the days when he spent his honeymoon there with his attractive Titian-haired bride, who is now Mrs. John Gilliat.

Twickenham Crowds.

The Twickenham ground was packed quite early on Saturday, and again we had proof of the popularity of Rugger with women. But I heard many complain of the inadequate travelling facilities to the ground. There were on an average twenty people per compartment during the journey from Waterloo, and the rush to the special platform at Twickenham after the game was enough to deter most girls. If the service were improved more women would attend.

Two Men from Uppingham.

Uppingham School should be proud of their representatives at the international at Twickenham, for both H. L. Price, who scored our first try, and A. M. Smallwood, whose wonderful kick won the game, are schoolmasters at the famous old school. W. J. A. Davies, the English captain and stand-off half, enjoys the unique distinction of never having been on the losing side (with the exception of the South African game) since he played for England.

Debutante's Ball.

Princess Helena Victoria and Lady Patricia Ramsay are to be guests at the ball which Mrs. Benjamin Guinness is giving to-morrow for the debut of her elder daughter, Miss Merand Guinness, at 11, Carlton House-terrace. Lady Desborough will bring her daughters from Taplow Court, and dinner parties for the occasion are being given by Lady Keppel, the Hon. Mrs. Lionel Tennynson, Mrs. Brinton and Mrs. Guinness herself.



Miss Merand Guinness.

House Warming.

The party will also serve as a house warming, for Mrs. Guinness has for a long time lived either in the studio she has arranged in the old beamed rooms over the stables opposite to her house, or at Ascot, her country house.

"Under False Pretences."

No one who enjoys a really good serial should miss "Under False Pretences," the opening chapters of which appear on page 15. Mr. St. John Cooper, the author, has many popular stories to his name, but I doubt whether he has ever written a better one. I predict a wide popularity for Robin Marchant, a refreshingly unconventional hero.

Hyde Park House.

It will be interesting to note if Sir Edward Naylor-Leyland intends to set up housekeeping on his marriage at his mansion in Knightsbridge—Hyde Park House. It is a vast and unattractive building, far too large for entertaining in these days. Its one redeeming feature is its splendid position overlooking the Park.

Servants' Newspapers.

It is just as difficult, says my Paris correspondent, to obtain a servant in the French capital as in London. They impose formidable conditions before condescending to be engaged, and they are now starting their own newspaper in Paris to protect their rights. It is called "The Servants' Staircase."

Maeterlinck and Pianos.

Maurice Maeterlinck, I hear, has just changed his opinions about pianos. He has always been prejudiced against them, as he believes their range is too limited, but the other day he was induced to attend for the first time in his life a piano recital at Nice given by Mr. Walter Rummel. The author of the "Blue Bird" was delighted, and says that he has now changed his opinion of pianists and the piano. I should like M. Maeterlinck to hear the lady who plays next door to me. Perhaps he would change his opinion again.

V.C. Who Hates Fighting.

My reference to the Rev. G. H. Woolley, who won his V.C. with the Queen Victoria's Rifles, whose memorial was unveiled by Lord Grenfell on Saturday, reminds a correspondent that it was on Hill 60 that the decoration was gained. Woolley was the only officer on the Hill on the night of April 20-21, 1915, but he held on under heavy shell-fire until relieved. The son of a clergyman, he was ordained after the war, and is now an assistant master at Rugby school. He is fond of gardening but hates fighting.

The English Week.

I heard a rather curious expression from a Frenchman the other day. He spoke of "Semaine Anglaise"—or English week. This arises from the fact that France has adopted the Saturday half-holiday, as in England. Perhaps as a token of appreciation he also told me that one or two songs are sung in English in the higher class music-halls. In fact, his only complaint against us was that we slept too long.

Scripture Play Licensed.

Most people will be glad to learn that the stage censor has at last given permission for a full production of Mr. Laurence Housman's "Nativity play," "Bethlehem." The ruling puts modern scriptural plays on a level with the old mystery plays, and has the effect of allowing stage speech to the Virgin Mary, who had hitherto to keep silent. I believe there was a private and very successful production of this play in London some eighteen years ago.

Theatrical Returns.

Two big theatrical favourites returned to the West End during the week-end. Mr. Leslie Henson joined the cast of "The Cabaret Girl" on Saturday night, and had a tumultuous reception, the curtain going down twenty minutes late owing to repeated encores. Miss Phyllis Timms, who has been ill since her "Gipsy Princess" triumph over a year ago, took up her part in "Batling Butler," and made a great success.



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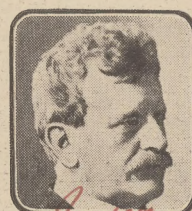
A French sentry mounting guard over German barges of coal and coke seized by the French authorities in the Ruhr for transport to France and Belgium.



A charming hat in nigger straw marocain, decorated with three roses. On one side the brim is plain and on the other is hand-pleated in velvet.



STILL MISSING.—Mr. T. M. Vernon, the solicitor of Guiseley, Yorkshire, who has been missing since New Year's Day. For information regarding him a reward of £100 has been offered.



WONDER OF SURGERY.—Professor Thorold Roving, the Danish surgeon, who, by a wonderful operation on the chest and a temporary rubber tube, gave a woman a new gullet.



A DUKE'S SISTER.—Lady Katherine Howard, sister of the Duke of Norfolk, at the meet at Arundel Castle after the coming-out ball of her sister, Lady Rachel.



PEER ENGAGED.—Lord Manton, whose engagement to Mrs. Lansdale is reported. He succeeded to the title on his father's death in the hunting field.



D.S.O. WEDS.—Lieut.-Colonel Cyril H. Gay, D.S.O., greets one of his bride's six child attendants after his wedding on Saturday to the Hon. Kathleen Robson. (Daily Mirror.)



LONDON'S CIVILIAN WARRIORS.—Field-Marshal Lord Grenfell inspecting the guard of honour of the Queen Victoria's Rifles before the unveiling of a war memorial at their headquarters.



EX-JOCKEY MARRIED.—Mr. Arthur Nightingall, the well-known ex-jockey (second from left), with his bride, Miss Daisy Martin (dark costume), after their marriage at St. Peter's Church, Norbiton, on Saturday.



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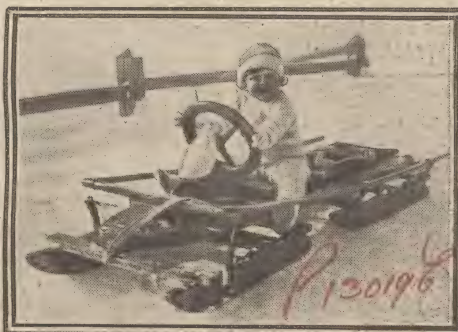
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MOTOR-CAR PRANK.—Billy Hodder, aged seven, who jumped into a motor-car at Mill Green, Lyme Regis, started it and jumped off. The empty car collided with a cottage.



NEW COMMAND.—Captain John Davies, who has been appointed commander of the White Star liner Arabic, the largest ship on the Mediterranean, and New York passenger service.



Jacqueline Carpentier, daughter of the boxer,

HAPPY AMONG THE SNOW.—Georges Carpentier's sunny little daughter is thoroughly enjoying a holiday among the Swiss snows. Bob-sleighting she finds the greatest fun imaginable.

ENGLAND'S RUGBY TRIUMPH



English player gets rid of the ball. Inset, Smallwood, who scored England's goal.



Lady Kennard, a clever skier, skimming across the snow at Murren.



An Englishman well held with the ball. The Welsh tackling was as hard and as certain as ever.



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C. N. Lowe collared just as he was about to take a pass. Inset, Price, who scored England's try.



England gets the ball at the break-up of a scrum.

The English Rugby fifteen beat Wales after a hard game at Twickenham on Saturday by a dropped goal and a try to a try, and are now one up on the series of matches. Over 40,000 people watched the English triumph.

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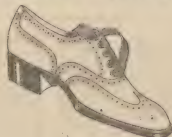
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Now lambs are very pretty little creatures

frolicking about in the fields, but somehow they are rather out of place indoors. Just fancy a lamb scampering up and down the stairs, or sleeping peacefully in front of the drawing-room fire! It doesn't seem natural.

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Once there was a giant anaconda, so the story goes, nearly 30ft. long, and thicker than a tree trunk. He had slept for a long time, and he awoke very hungry and bad-tempered.

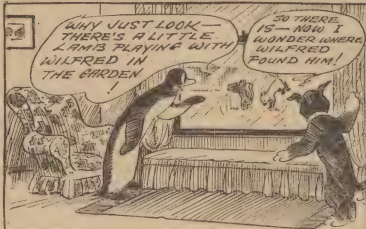
The first thing he saw was a bullock, which had strayed from the herd. The anaconda leapt on to the beast, crushed it, after a terrible struggle, and then started to swallow it.

And swallow it he did—albeit the horns! And the horns were the undoing of that greedy serpent. They stuck in the anaconda's throat and choked him; and that was the end of him. It was the most indigestible meal he had ever had—and he never made another meal after that.

There is a moral to that story. However hungry you are, don't eat too much. If only that anaconda had known how much was good for him, he might be frisking about among the crocodiles and jaguars of South America to this day!

The names of the prizewinners in the "Notices" Competition, which was announced on January 7, will be published to-morrow.

SQUEAK INVITES WILFRED'S NEW FRIEND TO DINNER



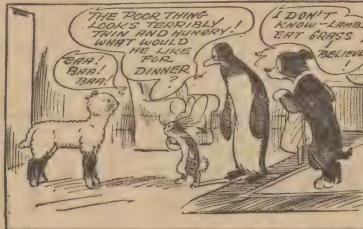
1. Pip and Squeak were very surprised to see Wilfred playing in the garden with a little lamb.



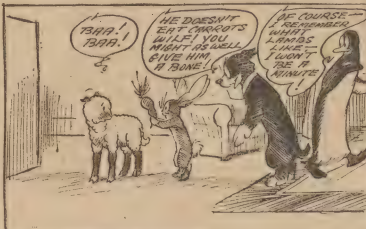
2. How the baby rabbit found his new friend, goodness only knows! He's always finding something.



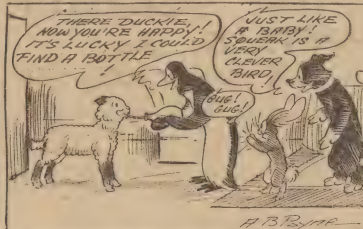
3. Although fearing I might be annoyed, Squeak thought it only polite to ask the lamb to dinner.



4. Then came the problem as to what he would like to eat. He looked very thin.



5. Wilfred offered him a carrot, and was quite hurt when the lamb refused it.



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UNDER FALSE PREFERENCES

By HENRY ST. JOHN COOPER



Robin Marchant.

CHAPTER I.

SIR RODWAY SIMPSON, the successful West-end specialist, leaned back in his chair, and over the tips of eight well-manicured fingers regarded his patient with something more than usual interest.

Robin Marchant was no stranger to him. He had known the lad's father for years, had known his uncle, that extraordinarily successful but ruinous Marchant, who had died worth—few knew how many hundreds of thousands.

Sir Rodway saw before him a young man of five-and-twenty, big and loosely built, scarcely handsome, but with a frank, open face and a pair of merry eyes, merry usually, but at the moment clouded and uncertain.

"Your case, Marchant," he said in his slow, deliberate way, "is one that I unhesitatingly diagnose as a severe attack of Magna Opulencia."

The young man's face broadened into a smile. "You suggest, perhaps, amputation, sir?"

Sir Rodway went on, unheeding the suggestion: "You have too much money, too many acquaintances, too few friends; too much time on your hands, no interests in life. Hampered by a considerable amount of intelligence and, perhaps, unknown to yourself, ambition, you are sickened of things."

"You are, to put it bluntly, bored to death. Amusements have ceased to amuse, pleasures have palled. You are tired and sick of prosperity, and have a deeply-rooted belief in the utter futility of your life."

Marchant nodded. "Go on!" he said. "Tell me the cure!"

"There is none. I don't suggest amputation—certainly not. The man who flings away his riches because he doesn't know how to handle them is a fool, and you are not that. You want to make a break-away. Well, there's nothing easier."

"It sounds all right, but—"

"Listen! Seven-and-twenty years ago I had been swotting for my final. At the same time I had been cramming a lot of dunderheads, the majority of whom, thanks to my efforts, got through and were let loose utterly incompetent, I am afraid, on suffering humanity."

"I was poor, and so had to work beyond my power of endurance. I got through and found myself a nervous wreck. I looked at my resources, and found I could afford myself just five pounds with which to take a holiday. Marchant, I put that five pounds in my pocket and set off on a holiday that I resolved should last as long as my money lasted."

"At the end of three months and five days—owing to the dishonesty of a fellow-tramp who occupied the same barn with me one night—I had to give in. I came home ragged, brown of face, strong and keen as I had never been, an utterly healthy animal with a huge appetite for work. It is only a suggestion, but you are welcome to it if you have the pluck, and I fancy you have."

Marchant rose. "I see the idea," he said. "It is ripping! The only thing that strikes me is that five pounds is—rather a lot, eh?"

Sir Rodway smiled. "After some study of your chair your objection does not surprise me. My fee ordinarily is three guineas. I make you a present of it. Take a long holiday with that three guineas, the longer the better."

He rose and held out his hand. "I have other patients to see. Good luck and come and see me—not as a patient, however—when your holiday is at an end."

Marchant waved and entered his smart car. "It's a bet," he muttered to himself. "Funny not to have struck the idea myself! A break-away, a clean breakaway!" He laughed joyously. Already it seemed that the dull look had gone from his eyes; yet the bright look had not.

Carter, the impeccable manservant, opened the door of Marchant's luxurious flat.

"I beg pardon, sir, but Mr. Ferrers has rung up three times, and—"

"Can't help that, Carter!" Marchant came in

like a miniature whirlwind, so that Carter, grown used of late to his lethargy, eyed him with surprise.

"Mr. Ferrers was anxious you should ring him up the very moment you came in."

"I'm sorry," Marchant said. "Look here, Carter," he went on, with an eager enthusiasm that was new to him. "I'm going away. I don't know for how long—weeks, anyhow, perhaps months. If anyone wants to know where I am, you can't say. No letters to be forwarded, you understand?"

"Quite, sir."

"You'll carry on the same as usual. And, look here, I want a suit of clothes—something neat and not particularly gaudy. Pepper and salt is a becoming colour, don't you think?"

"Very, sir."

"Ready made, you understand, and a cap to match. That is about all."

"Do I understand, sir, that you wish me to go out and buy—"

"Certainly I do. You've got a rough idea of my size. Oh, and boots! A nice heavy pair of boots."

"You've got your shooting—"

"I'm not going shooting. The sort of boots I require should cost about ten or twelve shillings, the suit about forty shillings."

THE FRUITS OF FOLLY.

CARTER'S eyebrows went up. "But—" he began.

"Now hurry off and get them for me, and—"

"Ting! ting!" went the telephone bell.

"It's Mr. Ferrers, sir," said Carter.

Marchant took down the receiver. Ferrers—Walter Wentworth Ferrers—was his second cousin, a weak and amiable fool who had recently married one of the nicest and prettiest girls Marchant knew.

What Nelly Bellingham had seen in Walter Ferrers, Marchant could not make out, but there it was. Love is blind, they say; certainly it has been at least short-sighted in the case of Nelly Bellingham.

Not that anyone could actively dislike Ferrers. He was too good-natured, too weak, too foolish to be anything of a villain.

"Hello, hello!" said Marchant.

"Is that you, Robin?"

"Yes."

"Thank Heaven!"

"You're pleased! What's the excitement?"

"Robin, I'm in a dickens of a hole."

Marchant frowned. He knew that Ferrers' troubles meant always misery.

"How much?" he inquired briefly.

Ferrers was evidently hesitating, trying to get something out that he had difficulty in wording.

"You'd better let me have it straight. How much, and what is it for?"

"Two thousand."

"When?" Robin Marchant whistled.

"Sure it's enough."

"Robin, I'm a victim!"

"Beg pardon, I thought it was me."

"I'm being blackmailed."

Marchant was genuinely startled.

"Blackmailed?" he said.

"Love, love! Where are you? I'll come round. I'd love to tackle a blackmailer."

"You want, you can't! Ferrers almost screamed."

"I've been a bit of an ass."

"Look here!"

said Marchant firmly, "have you been disgracing yourself, have you done anything that a man newly married to one of the nicest girls in London should not have done?"

Ferrers groaned over the telephone.

"Well?"

"I—I have been incantations. I didn't mean anything, but the devil was in it. The whole thing was a trap. I swear I have never done anything to cause Nelly or anyone—"

Ferrers broke down.

"Where are you now?" Robin asked.

"At my office. I don't ring up from home. Besides, the—the man, the fellow is coming here in an hour."

"Good! I'll come at once."

"Marchant, you'll help me!"

"Well, it's a habit I seem to have acquired of late. Anyhow, expect me."

"Robin, you'll bring the money. It is absolutely essential; there's no getting out of it. I've got to pay, you see; I've got to pay."

"It's all right, I'll get it," Marchant muttered, as he hung the telephone up.

A taxicab whirled Marchant to Ferrers' West End office. What Ferrers did in that office no one was quite sure, but he had some very good whisky there and a brand of cigars that did credit to his taste.

Neither the whisky nor the cigars was in evidence when Robin entered. He found Ferrers

tramping up and down the small, snug and well-furnished office like a caged beast.

"Thank Heaven, Robin, you've come! I was nearly frantic."

Marchant nodded. "Yes, you look dangerous," he said. "What's the trouble?"

"I'm being blackmailed," said Ferrers tragically. He looked at the clock as he spoke. "I'm expecting the fellow here at four; it's past three now."

"Good! I shall fling him out of the window. A little exercise will do me a world of good. I've never hurried blackmailers through windows yet; I shall look forward to it with—"

"Robin, listen! It is serious. I am beside myself! If Nelly got to hear of it, it—it would be all up; it would break her heart."

"You don't mean to tell me that you—"

Ferrers flapped his hands up and down weakly. "I was a fool, nothing worse. She was a very handsome woman, lovely. She—oh, I can't explain! I swear that—"

"Answer me this, and answer truly, or—or I'll break your neck," said Marchant. "Have you been utterly and entirely true to Nelly since you married her?"

"Utterly!"

"Good!" Marchant drew a long breath of relief. "Now go on and tell me all about it."

It was a foolish and sordid story. A smart and evidently handsome woman had beguiled Ferrers. He had taken her out to dinner, had become temporarily infatuated with her, and written her several insane letters. Now he was being called on to pay for his folly.

"The whole thing was a plant. This fellow is her brother or husband or something. He's got the letters, and knows about my marriage. He threatens to send the letters to Nelly and—if he does it'll break her heart and—and mine."

"Hang your heart! I don't care twopenny for your heart! It is Nelly's that is worrying me. Look here, leave me to settle with the bouncer. Let me meet him. You go outside and warn people to keep off the pavement, as he will be leaving hastily through the window, and he might hurt someone."

"Robin, you—you can't! The woman is vindictive, and if that fellow's hurt it will ruin me."

Ferrers implored, and tears of weakness rolled down his cheeks.

"Oh, my hat! You make me tired. You mean you want to pay the brute?"

"I must, I must. If you lend me the money I'll repay you faithfully every penny of it, old man."

"Robin, we've been pale, don't let me down. If—if anything happened to upset Nelly and—and me—you don't understand!"

"I think I do. Look here, it's for Nelly, not for you. I've brought an open cheque; you can just about get to the bank in time."

"Heaven bless you!" said Ferrers.

Robin smiled grimly. "You'd better keep all

door to after him, but neglected to latch it. And then events moved quickly. He heard Ferrers come hurrying in.

"He's gone!" Ferrers gasped. "Good! My Heavens! I've been a narrow shave." He seemed to pause, held his head up to listen, and heard steps on the stairs outside.

There came a tapping on the door.

"Come in!"

The door opened and Robin had the opportunity for a good look at the person entering. He saw a stoutly built, dark-complexioned man of about thirty-five. The man had all the outward semblance of a gentleman. He was well, though not over dressed; he was handsome in a dark and swarthy way and carried himself with an air of assurance.

"I fancy, Mr. Ferrers, that you are expecting me," he asked. "My name is Dulham."

"Oh, lo! yes!" Ferrers stammered. "Come in and sit down!"

Robin Marchant felt that he wanted to burst into the other room, grip Dulham by the coat collar and hurl him through the window, and then serve Ferrers in the same manner.

"Come in and sit down; to a brazen-faced blackmailer!"

"Why doesn't he offer him a cigar?" Robin thought. Which was exactly what Ferrers did the next moment.

Listen as intently as he might, Robin could catch but little of the undertone conversation that took place between the two. Twice a name cropped up and Robin seized on it.

"Miss Salisbury—Miss Nina Salisbury—"

grossly insulted—came to me for protection—most unpleasant that for me to do so—it was a wife would come to hear of this. Miss Salisbury was unaware that you were married, she contemplates taking action—I have persuaded her, you understand."

"Why put money into the lawyers' pockets? I am opposed to publicity. I think you can adjust the whole matter, if you are wise and sensible. There are certain letters addressed by you to this woman."

"You have them with you?"

"Every one of them; seven in all. Flattering as they are to her vanity, Miss Salisbury is deeply incensed that you should address them to her, now that she finds out that you are not in a position to prosecute your suit with her honourably."

The man had the gift of the gab. He spoke easily, but now against the listening man was conscious of suggestion, a twang of the gutter, that lay behind his well-chosen words.

"It has been a great and terrible shock to a sensitive and highly honourable young woman," went on Dulham, with a modulated vengeance.

Fortunately for you she asked my advice and assistance and I advised this course. You will pay a sum of money, the amount already agreed on, which will be put at Miss Salisbury's disposal, and she will disburse it in charity. Well?"

"The letters?"

"Shall be handed over to you in exchange for the money."

"When?"

"Whenever you like. If you have the money, I have the letters. We might make the exchange now."

From his point of vantage Robin could not see the two men as they sat at the corner table, but he could hear the rustling of banknotes.

More shaking and rustling of paper; then the scrape of a chair.

"I am pleased that you have been sensible and that our little business is satisfactorily settled," said Dulham as he rose. "You have been quite well advised, Ferrers, quite well advised."

He laughed. "I have only to add that Miss Salisbury agrees with me that charity—an excellent thing—begins and ends at home. Good afternoon!"

He was gone, and Robin Marchant grunted with disgust. The man had gone by the door, after all.

Ferrers started and looked up suddenly.

"Oh! he's gone. I—I thought—"

"But I hadn't," said Robin. "Are those the letters?"

"Yes."

"Burn 'em—and, look here, Ferrers, if this doesn't prove a lesson to you, next time I'll break your neck!"

THE CHEERFUL VAGABOND.

BRILLIANT sunshine, the sunshine of a mild summer day, streamed on the countryside. It made flashing gold of the stream and silver of the dusty Sussex country road.

Dust there was in plenty, white chalky dust which had been lifted from the road where it belonged and had been flung over green bank and hedge by the wheels of passing cars and traps.

Flung, too, over the disreputable suit, that had once been of a respectable pepper and salt design, of a loose-limbed giant of a man, who was taking his ease on the dusty bank beside the road.

A butterfly, light as down, settled on his chin, and the soft, caressing touch of the insect aroused him.

He yawned and, without removing his cap or properly opening his eyes, began to make search in his pockets.

He found a pipe, a blackened and disreputable clay pipe. Somnolently he stuffed it with tobacco from a ragged scrap of paper, then he made further and unavailing search for matches.

"Drat the matches!" he said. Then he tilted his cap back and opened his eyes fully, to be

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"You ought to feel ashamed of yourself," the girl said. "A young man, strong and healthy, sleeping—"

she paused, and her rich voice trembled—"sleeping at this hour of the day like a pig in a ditch."

"Severe!" thought Robin. "I've never seen myself asleep. I'm glad it might have been a shock."

the blessings you've got in stock for yourself, for you'll need 'em. If I ever hear that you've done a thing to bring grief and trouble to that girl, by George! Walter Ferrers, I'll—I'll set about you!"

Ferrers smiled in sickly fashion. He had put on his hat and was making for the door.

Marchant, left to himself, looked about him. Evidence of Ferrers' character was to be found on all sides, luxury, ease, numerous photographs of female celebrities, most of them signed.

He lighted a cigar, then pitched it into the grate. It was time to go, for the blackmailer might arrive at any moment.

He moved towards the door, then suddenly altered his mind.

"I think I'll take a look at the chap; it might be useful. I have never knowingly seen a blackmailer in real life," he thought.

Marchant looked about him. He saw that there was a second door in the room. It opened into a small outer office of a plainer description, than Ferrers' private apartment.

He stepped into the outer office and drew the

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come aware for the first time that he was under close observation.

A girl stood beside the road and looked down on him. In her lovely face there was a world of contempt; her violet eyes blazed with indignation.

The tramp, unabashed, looked up at her with friendly interest. He approved of her, he approved of the golden glitter of her hair, the trim, graceful, plainly-clad, lithe young figure. He approved of the rich colour in her cheeks and the perfection of outline of her features. Altogether she made a pleasing sight, and one that he appreciated.

He smiled, showing white and even teeth.

He was about to speak. It was in his mind to say: "Excuse me, but it is possible that you happen to find yourself in possession of a box of matches?" On second thoughts he decided to be more in accord with his appearance.

"Lady," he said, "you ain't got such a thing as a lucifer about you?"

"And you think that if I had I would give you one?" she demanded.

The young man blinked. It seemed to be a statement that took some time to consider.

"You ought to feel ashamed of yourself, if shame is possible to such a creature," the girl went on. "A young man—a man strong and evidently healthy—sleeping in her cheeks and her rich voice trembled—sleeping at this hour of the day like a pig in a ditch."

"Severe," he thought to himself. "Very severe. Like a pig! I've never seen myself asleep. I am glad of it! It might have been a shock."

"Not in a ditch," he said, argumentatively. "Not exactly in a ditch. On the edge of a ditch. It reminds me dirty of a song—how does it go?—'On the edge of a ditch.' No, I'm wrong, it's 'cliff, not 'ditch.' You may recall it?"

There was never a smile on her serious young face; the eyes still flashed with bitter contempt.

"Have you no sense of shame at all?"

"I'm afraid I haven't. It must be an uncomfortable thing to carry about with you."

He yawned, putting his brown hand before his mouth.

"Did you ever do a good day's work in your useless life?" she inquired.

"I'll think it out and let you know. It requires time and meditation."

He stretched and yawned, but again put his hand before his mouth.

He was naturally flattered by the obvious interest you take in me."

"I do not take any interest in you; I feel nothing but disgust for you. I hate—hate to see a man, a young man, a strong man, wasting his strength and his manhood. If you had any decent feeling—"

"Don't let me interrupt you," he said politely.

"I say, if you had any decent feeling, any—respect for yourself you would be doing a man's work. You would be holding up your head with your fellows; as it is, you—you lie there—"

"Like a pig in a ditch?" he suggested.

He lay there, for he liked to watch the play of the sun on her golden head and the coming and going of the rich, generous colour in her cheeks. He had thought her, on first awakening, pretty; now he realised that she was lovely.

"But a spitfire, a termonant," he thought.

"A pity she has golden hair and takes two in a shoes! She ought to be hat-footed and wear spectacles. Appearances are ever deceptive!"

Meanwhile he was expressing her views on the subject of himself.

"You admit that you have never done a useful day's work in your life? You are content to lie there helpless and utterly useless, a blot on the face of creation. Such men as you make me—"

"Wild?" he suggested.

"Make me feel disgusted with humanity!"

She turned as though about to leave him, and he felt regret. He would have continued the conversation, one-sided though it was, for her appearance pleased him. He liked to look at beautiful things.

"You never said nothing, lady, about a pore feller who never 'ad no chance," he said.

She turned and looked at him inquiringly. She could not understand him. His language and speech at this moment seemed to be in accord with his appearance; just now it had been different.

"If you had honest work offered to you, would you accept it?"

There seemed to be challenge in her eyes and voice, and he rose to it instantly. He had not wanted work. He had been content to lounge through life, sleeping in barns, under stacks and hedges, hobnobbing with the fraternity of the road.

"Produce the honest work. Honest work, forward!" he said. He sat up at last.

You mean that if you had employment offered to you, would you accept it?"

"Try me, lady."

"I will," she said briefly. "If you want work, follow me."

He picked himself up. He was taller even than she had thought, and he stood before her in a reduced pepper and salt suit that seemed to have lost most of its pepper and had been acted upon adversely by rain and dust.

A scarecrow of a man, a ragged figure, yet not in the least woebegone.

She looked him up and down.

"Disgusting!" she said briefly, then turned a stern back on him. "You can follow me if you really want work."

"Very well, only don't walk too fast."

She leading the way, he following, they came eventually to a long wall that evidently contained a estate of some magnitude. Presently they came to a lodge, a Tudor lodge, with steep gabled roof and mullioned windows. She paced through, never turning her head to see that he followed.

The lodge-keeper surveyed him angrily.

"Hi!" he said. "Hi!" The tramp waved his hand and walked on. They came at last to the house and the tramp looked at it appreciatively. He liked old buildings, and this was distinctly Elizabethan, and practically un-restored.

For the first time the girl glanced back to see if she was being followed. She led the way to the side of the house where stood a spacious garage of more modern date than the rest of the building, and there a bullet-headed man was washing down a large car.

"Purvis," she said, "this person has asked me to find him some employment, so I have decided to let him take Jordan's place here as washer."

Purvis, of the bullet head, stared at the tramp. He looked him up and down.

"I beg your pardon, miss, but—"

"The man will work under you; see that he works hard. He will be paid twenty-five shillings a week, and—"

There fell on the hard gravel the rattle of horses' hoofs, and the girl turned.

The newcomer was a big man, heavy of face, grey-haired and dressed in the approved fashion of the country gentleman.

"Well, my dear?" he said. He paused and looked at the tramp. "My dear Alaine, where did this fellow come from?"

"I brought him; he asked for work."

"Work! He doesn't look like work. However, another of your fads, dear child; another brand plucked from the burning." He laughed.

"Have your own way! Purvis," he went on, "get that car out of the way, I am expecting Mr. Rawley here any moment."

The tramp watching the girl's face, saw or thought he saw a tinge of added colour leap into her cheek.

"Rawley!" he thought. "Rawley means something to her." He looked at her again.

"Alaine! A nice name, and—"

"Now then, you scarecrow, lend an 'and 'ere," said Purvis, the bullet-headed.

A car was approaching up the drive, and it swung into the garage yard.

"Here's Rawley," said the big man. "Alaine, my dear, here's Rawley."

The tramp turned his head as he strove against the heavy car. He saw the car that had just arrived, saw a man rise in it, lift his hat and step out.

Rawley, dark, swarthy, handsome, admirably clothed; the fortunate man whose name had brought a tinge of colour into the girl's perfect cheek.

"Dulham! By Jingol! Dulham, the black-mailer!" thought the tramp.

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CONCLUSION.

AS Stanley stood and gazed at his wife, standing slim and defiant, she suddenly burst out:

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Think of what I have been through ever since, knowing that I have been the cause of ruining your life! But you know—you must know—I didn't realise what I was doing! I want you to let me go away altogether!"

If you make me, of course I will stay here under your roof, outwardly your wife. But if you have any friendship left for me, Stanley, for pity's sake, let me go—let me go!"

As she faced him her usually pale face aflame, her great dark eyes shining like stars, and her slender hands flung out in appeal, something stirred in Stanley's heart and sprang to living, ardent birth.

"Primrose!" She started at his voice. Never had she heard that deep throbb in it before.

"You told me I had not the best to give you. That is not true. All these months I have been away I have been seeing you through Dick's eyes."

Dear, no man and woman ever had a better friend than he has been to you and me. I know all you have done for me—all your splendid nursing and devotion."

Primrose tried to draw herself away.

"Don't," she said almost violently. "I only did my duty. I do not want gratitude for that!"

"I am not offering you gratitude," he answered as hotly. "I came home meaning to beg you to forgive me for all I have made beg you to suffer, to let us start afresh. But even then I didn't know what I know now."

Primrose, my wife, my darling, don't you see I love you with all my heart and soul? Everything else is wiped out, finished, forgotten! I want you. Won't you come back to me?"

Stanley," she whispered, half awoken with rapture, "do you mean it? Do you really want me?"

"Do I want you?" he answered fiercely, as he caught her to him and held her as though he would never let her go again. "Does this look as if I want you?" And he rained burning kisses upon her lips, her closed eyes, her scorching cheeks, the first lover's kisses he had ever given her.

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England's "Twickenham luck" held good in the great Rugby international match against Wales on Saturday, when a splendid dropped goal by Smallwood enabled the Rose to beat the Leek by 7 points to 3. France were no match for Scotland in the game at Edinburgh, and lost by 16 points to 3. Other features of the day's sport were:—

Football—London's League clubs had quite a joy day. The Spurs, Palace, Orient, West Ham and Millwall all won away from home, and Chelsea and the Arsenal were successful on their own grounds.

Racing—Dorado won the Corporation Hurdle at Windsor from Tomahawk, thus atoning for a defeat at Newbury earlier in the week.

Cricket—No play was possible in the third Test match in South Africa owing to rain.

THIRTEEN NOT UNLUCKY.

England to Depend on Same Team Against Ireland at Leicester.

England's victory over Wales gives cause for satisfaction, but it was not obtained without a desperate struggle. Wales had far more scoring chances, but she was only moderate where expectation was that she would be particularly strong, and the finishing of the outside left room for much improvement. So well satisfied are the English selectors with their choice that the same team will be fielded against Ireland at Leicester next month.

Electrifying Start—It was an electrifying start to which Price treated us. Straight from the kick-off he saw his chance, seized it, and before the Welshmen were aware of it they were three points in arrears. This in spite of the fact that they were so superior to us in the early part of the number 13, although an Englishman—Voyce—sided with the fatalists and wore the unlucky number on his jersey. Conway failed with the goal kick, although it was a comparatively simple one.

Brilliant Welsh Try—After eleven minutes Wales drew level. From a line out Johnson was pulled down by Smallwood, but Cornish secured possession and started a round of brilliant passing. Baker and Michael were among those who handled in some lightning exchanges, and the last named dropped over with a superb try.

Smallwood's Winner—With all the side tackling well, the game was won for England by the force of the forward play. They were simply splendid. Every man knew his job, and did it thoroughly. It was left to Smallwood to gain the decisive points with a grand dropped goal. It was a beautiful effort, but Joe Rees had very hard luck with a brilliant attempt that struck the upright and bounded into play again.

SCOTLAND'S WIN.

Excitement's Influence—Scotland won their game with France comfortably enough in the end, but, on the whole, the game was of a scrambling nature, and it was not until the second half that the Northerners displayed their true form. McLaren scored the first try just before the breather, and Drysdale landed a great goal from a difficult position. Over-excitement spoilt several fine chances.

France Disappointing—In the second half play went unmistakably in the home country's favour, and Bryce got over with another try, which Drysdale improved on. McLaren followed it with another, and the only response France could make was a goal from a mark by Moreux. The Thistle should have scored on two other occasions, but each time the man with the ball knocked the corner flag in going over, and they had to be content with only one more try, which Liddell registered, but which no-side was called. The French were disappointing.

CHELSEA'S TRIUMPH.

Happy Londoners—Easily the outstanding feature of the League games was the success of London's representatives. In all three divisions they enjoyed a really wonderful afternoon, as only Fulham and the Rangers lost, and the latter were defeated by another metropolitan side in Millwall.

Chelsea and Spurs Win—Chelsea's Cup victory has evidently given them confidence, although 3 to 0 rather flattered them against Newcastle at Stamford Bridge. The Magpies' defence assisted Armstrong in both his goals. Still, Ford's point was a beauty, and there is no doubt that Chelsea deserved to win. The Spurs also won by three clear goals at Oldham, where Grimsdell, Dimmock and Lindsay were the marksmen.



Armstrong, who obtained two goals for Chelsea against Newcastle United.

Hannaford, who scored three goals for Millwall against the Rangers.

ARSENAL RISING.

Cock Makes His Mark on First Appearance in Everton Team.

Arsenal are going up the League ladder. Their success against Manchester City was won only by a goal scored by Turnbull inside the first two minutes, but the spirited work they put in made them value for their victory, though the City sorely tested their defence at times. As Cardiff, Birmingham and Preston all lost, the Gunners are now seventh from the bottom of the table. Playing for Everton against Stoke, Jack Cock, late of Chelsea, did not have many shooting chances, but he scored one of the four goals by the Toffenemen won, the others being got by Peacock and Williams, the latter getting through twice.

Villa's Humiliation—Nottingham Forest's victory at the expense of Aston Villa was more decisive than was anticipated, especially as the Villa were first to find the net. It was Dorrell who scored first, but Spavin equalised a minute afterwards, and two minutes later Green put his side ahead. But through his own goal in the second half, West Bromwich Albion maintained their reputation for inconsistency by defeating Birmingham in a strenuous game by two clear goals. Davies and Gregory were the successful marksmen.

Champions and Cupholders—The champions beat Middlebrough, who had their first home defeat of the season. A goal by Chambers and another by Johnson settled the issue in a hard game where the home forwards, who had chances, failed to finish adequately. Sunderland found Huddersfield in fash form, and the Cupholders had the better of the argument on the whole, though the home defence was very sound. Ellop scored first for Huddersfield, and Hawes equalised.

Sheffield's Equaliser—A belated goal by Johnson three minutes after the end enabled Sheffield United to draw with Bolton Wanderers. Vigorous play marked the meeting of Burnley and Preston, the game being won by the Wanderers through goals by Bassett and Anderson. Cardiff were out of luck at Blackburn, where the Rovers won 3-1. Unfortunately Hardy had to retire injured, and during his absence Kelly and Hopkinson scored for the Rovers.

SAINTS HANDICAPPED.

Palace Prevail—Losing Blyth early in the game handicapped Southampton greatly in their match with Crystal Palace. Whitworth and Whibley scored for the London team without reply from the Saints, who were not quite in their best form. An even game at Harely ended in West Ham securing a substantial victory over Port Vale, but the match was not so decided as the score suggests. Fulham, one of the only two London teams to lose, started poorly at Derby, but improved as the game went on, though the Rams were always the better side.

Clapton's Confidence—Playing with a confidence that was altogether lacking by their opponents, Clapton Orient won away at Wolverhampton in convincing fashion. The Wanderers were the first to score. T. Williams, O. Williams and Bliss were the players to find the net for the Orient. Barnesley and Blackpool had a strenuous struggle, and four goals were equally shared in a game of a see-saw nature, but the meeting of the Uniteds of Manchester and Leeds failed to produce a goal.

Unusual Mishap—Hardy, who kept goal for Stockport against Rotherham, figured in a very curious incident just after Wilson had given his side the lead. He went to first away a shot from the Rotherham side, and in doing so hit Reid on the nose so heavily that the latter took no further part in the game. Wilson's goal was the only one of the match. A splendid game between Leicester and Notts County saw the home team bring off a narrow win; the defence of both sides was very fine. Bryer failed against the Wednesday because their attack was much inferior to that of the home side.

THREE HAT TRICKS.

London Rivals Meet—Two Third Division games were between metropolitan rivals. Millwall won their game, which produced splendid football, against Queen's Park Rangers at Loftus-road. Hannaford performing the hat trick. Parker and Davis scored for the home team. A keen game at Charlton, where Brentford were victorious, ended with honours easy. Hendren found the net first for Brentford and Steele replied for the home side.

Swansea Overwhelmed—Three players in the Third Division performed the hat trick—Hannaford (Millwall), Henderson (Gillingham) and Reid (Luton). Two of Henderson's three goals came from penalties. Portsmouth played with game persistence, but Gillingham were always the better side and won 4-2. Reid was a promising figure in the meeting between Luton and Swansea, the Welsh team being overwhelmed. Brighton accomplished the best performance of the day by administering the first defeat Bristol City have sustained since last October.

Amateur Surprises—There were some surprises in the second round of the Amateur Cup. The holders, Bishop Auckland, were trounced by Stockton, and the holders of the A.F.A. trophy, Eastbourne, were defeated by the odd goal by Summerstown, and Levensden Mental Hospital, who had previously ejected Dulwich Hamlet, overcame Grays Athletic. Clapton did well to beat the Bournemouth Gasmen, but Leytonstone had a very unhappy experience against Northampton Romas.

NOT OFF—BUT NOT YET.

Beckett to Meet Smith on Feb. 19
—Dempsey Talk.

It is satisfactory to learn that Joe Beckett's indisposition is not really serious. According to the doctor's verdict, and it is now stated that the champion will meet Dick Smith on February 19. Meanwhile there is more talk of a more likely than Beckett and Dempsey. The Crystal Palace as the venue and £50,000 as the purse are mentioned. Danny Frush, who was to have met Casini at Hoxton Baths, has also fallen sick, so that match is off for the time being at any rate. Several interesting bouts will be decided to-day. At the Ring Albert Lloyd and ex-Guardsman Pen-White meet at Plumstead Baths, and at the National Sporting Club Drummer Hall and Corporal Williams are concerned in the chief contest. Battling Siki will appear in an exhibition bout at the Blackfriars Ring on Saturday, February 3.

OTHER SPORT IN BRIEF.

News Items and Gossip About Men and Matters of the Moment.

Sculling Handicap—L. Barry (14s.) won the 1,000 yards sculling handicap promptly by winning Barnes Bridge 14. **Athletic Record**—William Ritola, a Finnish runner, beat the American amateur running record for four miles this time was 17m. 4.5s.

Billiards—Smith 16,000, beat Falkner 11,379, by 4,121. Inman 16,000, beat Newman 15,040, by 960. Amateur Championship—E. Earle 2,000, C. W. Martin 1,942.

Wednesday's Capture—Hull City have transferred Ernest Benkinson, a left full back, to Sheffield Wednesday. The transfer fee is reported to run into four figures.

Can'tab's Golf Success—At Combe Hill Cambridge University defeated the home club by 8 matches to 7. The sides were level in the singles, but Cambridge the foursomes 3-2.

Today's Football—F.A. Cup Replays—At Stamford Bridge, Brighton and Hove v. Colchester at Birmingham: Cardiff City v. Watford; at Notts County Ground: Notts Forest v. Sheffield United. League L—Blackburn Rovers v. Stoke. League II. (N.)—Hull City v. Grimsby Town. Rugby—Birmingham v. Devonport Services.

Cross-Country—H. W. Payne, who won last year, was again first home in the London Business Houses championship, his time for the five miles being 31m. 32s. Payne's club, the Great Eastern Railway, took the team honours, the Harlequins won the senior championship of the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Association. C. H. Bosher (Reading A.C.) carried off the individual honours.

Saturday's Hockey Results—Combined Services 4, The West 4; Cheshire 1, Yorkshire 0; Oxford University 3, Bromley 1; Cambridge University 1, Mid-Surrey 1; Beckenham 9, Wimbledon 9; Old Kingstonsians 3, United Services (Portsmouth) 0; Hampstead 2, Richmond 2; Bromley 6, Polytechnic 0; Southgate 12, Staines 0; Surbiton 6, Kenley 1; Barnes 6, Merton 1; Women's Matches: Oxfordshire 6, Northamptonshire 4; Lincolnshire 2, Sheffield League 2; Warwickshire 2, Leicestershire 2; Kent 6, Middlesex 2.

DORADO ATONES.

Newbury Disappointment Wiped Out at Windsor.

LEICESTER PROSPECTS.

Dorado made no mistake in his effort to wipe out an expensive failure at Newbury earlier in the week in the Corporation Hurdle at Windsor on Saturday. Finding none of the anticipated danger from Tedney he won very easily from the penalised Tomahawk, and Poole then had the satisfaction of winning the chief event on both days of the meeting.

As the programme was cut down to five races owing to Sonnimerfer being allowed a walk-over in the Selling Steeplechase, visitors did quite well in finding three winning favourites.

Dorado always occupied that position in the Hurdle Handicap; Fugo, with a light weight, was confidently backed to beat the luckless Gem in the Barracks Steeplechase, and What Luck's success in the Over the Top Steeplechase completed the tale of the bookmakers' misfortunes.

Still, they really did not do so badly. Sancto—a very hot favourite for the Montagu Hurdle—after blundering at the first jump refused at the

SELECTIONS FOR LEICESTER.

1.15—NELLIE GOUGH, 2.45—GERALD L. (4 lbs)
1.45—KILLESHER, 3.15—FIRWINDER.
2.15—ELSON, 3.45—MAIZE CORN.
3.45—FLUSHED.

DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY.

*KILLESHER AND BLAZING CORN.

second, and with Rivobed going lame he was beaten by both Krooner and Simon's Glory in the Gardner Hurdle. Happy Moments came to grief at the final obstacle, and was to be destroyed.

With the spring weights due on Thursday we shall see more of the leading Grand National candidates out during the next week or two. Quite a number are engaged in the Mapperty Steeplechase at Leicester to-day. I like the chance of Gerald L. best with Firwinder an alternative.

Turkey Buzzard and Conjuror II. are engaged in the Wigston Steeplechase, but two miles may not be far enough to show them at their best. Perhaps Blazing Corn will atone for his Manchester defeat. Plumpton follows Leicester, and Kempton will cater for racegoers at the end of the week.

BOUVIERE.

RAIN STOPS TEST MATCH.

Owing to rain no play was possible in the third Test match at Durban on Saturday, and the game will be resumed to-day with the scores: England, 428; South Africa, 70; no wicket.

A New Zealand A. C. MacLaren's side scored 219 against Southland County, and dismissed five of the home side for 100 runs.

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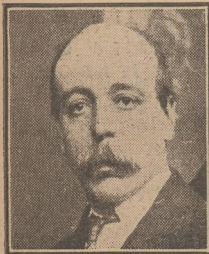


—funny adventure on page 13.

FOUR LOST IN COLLISION



The funnel and the foremast of the sunken tug. Inset is Albert Young, aged sixteen, one of the victims.



Joseph Hard, who was aboard at the time of the collision, is missing.



William Pike, second engineer of the tug, who also lost his life in the disaster.

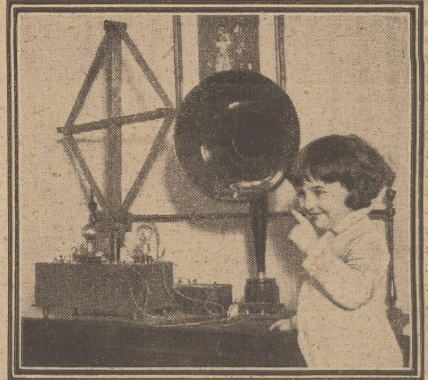
Four lives were lost as the result of the sinking of a tug in the Mersey after being in collision with an elevator which had capsized.

SCOTLAND BEATS FRANCE

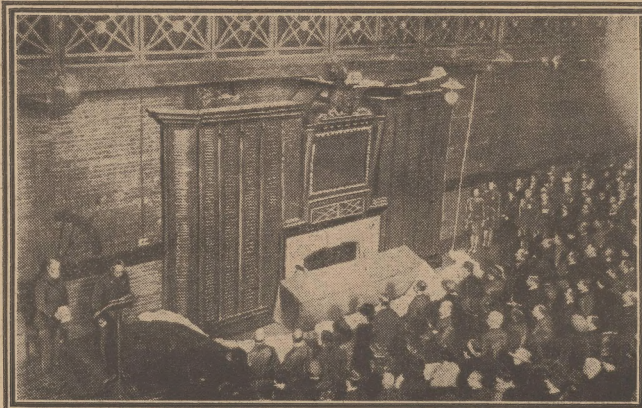


A French player getting away with the ball in the Rugby international, in which Scotland defeated France by 16 points to 3 at Edinburgh.

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LONDON SCOTTISH MEMORIAL.—Field-Marshal Earl Haig (at lectern on left), speaking after the unveiling yesterday of the war memorial of the London Scottish at the headquarters of the regiment at Buckingham-gate.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)



Mr. Burtie, former chief mechanic of the Royal Air Force, and designer of the wireless set shown above.



£50,000 GIFT.—Mr. Dan Radcliffe, the well-known Cardiff shipowner, has promised the gift of £50,000 to the University of Wales in honour of the Prince of Wales.



THE EAST IN THE WEST.—Miss Marie Ault (left), who scores a marked success as the Amah, with Miss Meggie Albanesi and Mr. Basil Rathbone, in a scene from "East of Suez," the beautifully-produced play at His Majesty's Theatre.



EVOLUTION ON TRIAL.—Sir Frederick Black being prepared for his appearance as President of the Court in the biological comedy presented by the Morley College Debating Society.